

HOUSE BILL 2220

By Hodges

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,  
Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 5,  
relative to military veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Prior to signing medical certification of the cause of death of a military veteran, the attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner shall conduct a review of the veteran's medical records, including applicable records from the United States department of veterans affairs, to determine if a service-connected disability was the principal or major contributory cause of death, including when concurrent or comorbid health conditions exist, which include, but are not limited to, cases involving COVID-19, as defined in § 14-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.